



0400 #4
8-3-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michael SCHMIDT et al. : Group Art Unit: TO BE ASSIGNED

Serial No.: 09/877,259 : Examiner: TO BE ASSIGNED

Filed: June 11, 2001 :

For: IONIC LIQUIDS II

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

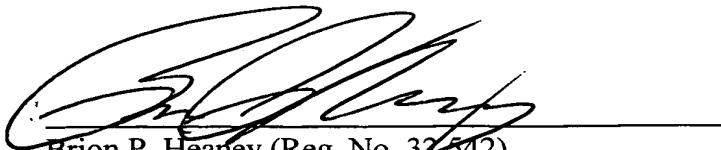
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for the Examiner's consideration are copies of the following documents: Sartori et al., (U.S. 6,210,830) and Koch et al. (U.S. 5,827,602). These documents are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. U.S. '830 cites German patent application DE 196 411 38 for purposes of foreign priority. DE '138 is discussed in applicants' specification. See, for example, the fourth paragraph at page 1 of the specification. U.S. '602 is also discussed in applicants' specification. See, for example, paragraph 5 at page 1 of the specification.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the instant application. Thus, no fee is required. See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,



Brion P. Heaney (Reg. No. 32,542)
Attorney for Applicant(s)

MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO & BRANIGAN, P.C.
Arlington Courthouse Plaza I
2200 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1400
Arlington, Virginia 22201
(703) 812-5308 [Direct Dial]
E-mail address: heaney@mwbz.com

Filed: August 3, 2001
BPH:imm\K:\Merck\2272\IDS.wpd